

QUILTING BEES THE LATEST FEMININE FAD, M'LISS DECLARES

City Woman Is Emulating Her Sister in Kentucky Mountains Whose Patch Parties Are Her Only Social Diversion

IT WAS that clever woman of letters, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, who held that for a woman "not to know how to use a needle was as scandalous as for a man not to know how to use a sword."

This dictum, however, which was addressed to the maidens of the seventeenth century did not hit so hard as it might have, for just as it was a rare case then to discover a man who did not know the science of his fella, so one might have looked far and wide for the woman who could not ply her needle in a wonderfully intricate way.

In fact, in an issue of the Spectator of that day there is a humorous letter from a worried woman who declares that she cannot prevail upon her two daughters to learn to read and write, so busily engaged are they with their quilting!

Five years ago I think a condition such as Lady Mary describes as "scandalous" might have been said to exist. A deplorable ignorance concerning the domestic art of sewing, even in its simplest aspects, was rampant, but from what I see and hear these days, I am firmly convinced that a recrudescence of the needle is imminent.

Whether or not women are tired of soaring on the heights with Ibsen and Brieux and wish to rest awhile in order to gather fresh impetus for another literary flight I do not know, but I find that afternoon sewing-fests are taking the place of the erstwhile dramatic and bridge and "500" orgies.

Yesterday I heard of a group of women who have transformed their card-party afternoon into a quilting bee.

"And we haven't had such fun," the organizer of the bee told me, "since we left off cutting and designing paper dolls. There are six of us in the club. The first thing we did was to chip in and buy a fascinating book on the old-fashioned art of quilting, which tells also how to make these wonderful covers."

"We provided ourselves with the equipment called for—it was only a lot of vari-colored patches and bits of silk and calico that every household can be made to yield—and a simple frame and set to work."

"Do you know," she continued enthusiastically, "the history of the world can be read from its quilts. They made them back even to the time of Cleopatra. Our card party used to meet only once a week. But we became so fascinated by the work of quilting that we decided to hold the bees twice weekly, and I know lots of us neglect many things we ought to do in order to snatch a few stitches between times."

"At each meeting one of our members is delegated to be reader. The book which we have bought, in addition to being practical, tells of the history and origin of quilting, and so entertainingly that this provides additional enjoyment for us. When we have finished this we are going to extend our reading to other fields, making these wonderful quilts meanwhile."

To the inexpert needlewoman the kind of quilts which her grandmother of 50 years ago, or the Kentucky mountain women of today, are capable of making, with their wonderfully fantastic pineapple, rose and Jacob's ladder designs, which earned for them the appellation "crazy" quilts, seem impossible of achievement. But my friend informs me that the work "grows on" one and that her quilting bee is going to prove that the education and civilization of the "effete East" is no deterrent to the facile accomplishment of difficult needlework.

To those of my readers who want to emulate the example of her bee and "chip in" for the interesting book, I will gladly send its name upon receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Address all communications to M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS—Now that the shop windows are showing bathing suits and the railroads advertising summer rates to the seashores, why don't you give us the benefit of your views on the American way of indulging in surf bathing?

Dear M'LISS—Will you please tell me something that will take mildew out of the air of pure linen towels. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

Wet the stains with boiling water, wring and cover with your towel. Then put them out in strong sunlight and cover with salt. If they do not yield to several applications of this, try lemon juice and salt applied to the stains. The towels should be put in the sun.

ALTHOUGH "overwork" and "excessive study" are seized upon as convenient explanations for a lot of dismal failures, which are in reality due to other and less admirable causes, it is impossible to escape the fact that a great many young people in high schools and colleges lay the foundation for a lifetime of ill health in too much study.

It is a sad and rather frightful thing to see young high-school girls dragging home at night after a great armful of books to pore over, instead of devoting the evening to music, dancing, visiting or some healthful recreation. Rather an ordinary, but well-balanced young woman is a prodigy of learning with a poorly-developed body and "nerves" or delicate health.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



SMART RUSSIAN BLOUSE

THIS very picturesque jumper blouse has been named "La Petrova," after the charming actress who typifies all that is fashionable—and Russian—in the movies. It is made of Georgette crepe, with touches of crepe de chine. The body of the blouse features Georgette, with collar, cuffs, sash and ball buttons of the crepe. The embroideries seen at the yoke and carried out in the same manner at the back are done in tones of silver. A slight motif in the name is seen at the lower part of the blouse. Hemstitching trims the deep cuff and the sash has a picot edge.

This comes in different colors. Two sample blouses may be had in rose and in maize with white. Duplicates in any color combination desired may be had at the same price—\$18.50.

A simple but effective sailor hat is shown with the blouse. It is made of black Milan split straw, with a flat tailored bow of rose-colored grosgrain ribbon across one side of the crown. A shaded rose is seen here and there. In other color combinations the price is \$8.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

FOOD VALUES

Bake Your Own Beans; Cook Your Own Fruits

By VIRGINIA E. KIFT

IF YOU bake your own baked beans you can save 10 cents on every can.

A 10-cent can of baked beans contains enough to serve four people. If you buy dry beans, soak them, bake them yourself—you get one pound for ten cents, enough to serve eight people. With the 10 cents you save you can buy salt pork or bacon, add more molasses and have a dish suitable in food value to the usual meat course served at dinner.

From two tablespoonfuls of dried beans your body receives as much heat and energy as it would from a slice of roast beef 4-inch thick, five inches long by three inches across.

Two tablespoonfuls of dried beans contain as much "food value" as two-thirds of a glass of milk.

A generous slice of bread will not give you any more "food value" than two tablespoonfuls of dried beans.

However, it is not well to eat only the foods which supply heat and energy—some fresh fruit should be eaten at every meal to add variety and give the body the inorganic salts needed to keep the blood clean.

Unless you do not have to be careful with your money do not buy canned fruits—fresh fruit is better.

Procure dried peaches, apricots, prunes, apples, soak them over night and simmer them the next day.

You can make a very attractive dessert at a saving of 20 to 30 cents or more should you now be buying your fruits in the can.

A little table will give you an idea of how much you can save by buying things dried and cooking them yourself:

It is convenient to buy these things at the store ready cooked, but if your kitchen fire has to be kept up anyhow, why not use it and cook things at home?

Add up the amount you would save in a week if you never had to buy anything in a can; then multiply it by 52 weeks and decide if it "pays" to go to the extra trouble of cooking your own fruits and baking your own beans. Perhaps you will find that it does.

Ruffs Are Chic

The new ruffs show more variety than they have for many moons. Here are a few novelties picked out in a shop the other day.

Ostrich ruffs, quite long and light at the ends, shade from mauve to purple, white to black, gray to dark taupe and rose to corrie.

A lavender tulle ruff has a centre piece of the same colored ostrich.

An upper ruff of white tulle and a lower one of black form another very smart neck-piece. Daisies finish off the front and tie with long ends of black satin ribbon.

Another two-toned ruff has an upper of pale green net and a lower of mauve maline. Poppies and mauve streamers form the trimming.

Tiny looped ruffs of satin ribbon are made to wear at the back of the neck. They come in all shades.

The smartest neckpiece of them all was made of old blue moire ribbon, edged with dull silver. This forms both frills and the band around the centre of the neck. A second frill of very fine soft tulle softens the lines of the blue.

War Once More

War has brought many terrors, but none so horrible as the scarcity of strong linen thread. This formerly came from Belgium, and the supply is sadly small just at present. So don't blame the sewer if your buttons come off! Blame it on the war.

See the Many Stylish Creations Easter Millinery We are offering \$4.00 and \$5.00

These models are the very latest every morning and every night, you will find that your susceptibility to cold is considerably lessened. Every precaution like this tells on a delicate constitution.

Parisian Millinery Shop 347 N. 5th St. Two doors west of Locust

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Marion Harland's Corner

I AM making a request for cast-off sheet music and also player piano rolls. I will be only too glad to pay postage on the same. I wish the Corner every success. MRS. C. Y.

Junior Cornerites will please take the responsibility of this application off my mind. I hold the address of our friend, thanking her for her kind words and wishes in behalf of the H. H. C.

Has a Bad Foot

"I am a boy 12 years of age and am going into low eighth in school this year. I have been troubled with a bad foot for two years and the doctor couldn't find out what caused the pain. He said I would have to keep the foot in a plaster cast for 14 weeks. I should like to do something while I am at home, for my father only makes small wages and we have a big family. He can hardly afford to buy the bare comforts of life. It would please me greatly if I could receive something that would pass away the time, as I have nothing of the sort. We will be glad to call or pay postage."

Starting a Crocheting Club

"This is the first favor I have asked from the Corner. Will you please help me to get some crocheting patterns? We six girls are going to start a sewing and crocheting club, but we cannot get patterns. So we ask for aid in your Corner. We will be grateful for the help."

Important Detail Overlooked

"I write to say that I have music, books, magazines, etc. for those who need them and who will call or send for them. M. H. D."

Girl Wants a Camera

"Can I hope that any one in your Corner has a camera which he or she no longer uses? My mother is a widow, trying to give my two brothers and sisters and myself an education. My sister is in college and I am in high school. We have wanted a camera for a long time, but could not afford to buy one. We should be delighted to receive one which we could use for our school work."

Our amateur photographers are constantly giving up old cameras in favor of new styles. Instead of selling them for next to nothing inquire what one of our members could use the discarded instruments and do a great kindness to a fellow being. A whole family will be made happy and the widowed mother's heart will sing for joy if we can find a camera for the high school girl who pleads with the Corner for the gift.

Would Make Quilts on Shares I see by your advertisement in the paper that you furnish silk pieces to make

HOUSE-CLEANING HELPS BRUSHES—AND FEATHER DUSTERS Wall brushes of lamb's wool with a long handle that will not injure the wall. Feather dusters and you clean in the kitchen, floor brushes, turning brushes, getting in the places—a rush for everything.

Let Us Help You Clean Up J. Franklin Miller INCORPORATED 1626 Chestnut St. "The House Furnishing Store"

BABY MILK (Dr. Gaertner's modification) Best and Safest The rapidly increasing demand proves the necessity of this milk. It is modified in our laboratory to suit the normal baby. Delivered daily in 8 nursing bottles. It will help to keep babies well. See printed directions.

Abbotts Alderney Dairies 31st & CHESTNUT STS. Phone: Harling 205

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should send their names, in care of this paper, for addresses at which they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

quills for halves. I should like to use some in this way. Let me hear from you at once. MRS. C. W. W.

Since you do not say what signature was attached to what you call an advertisement we cannot identify the person who made the offer. I regret our inability to serve you in consequence of the omission. May I say here for your enlightenment and for the benefit of others who fall into the error that the Corner issues no advertisements of any kind? The place for those is in the advertising department of the paper. Nor do we keep any stock on hand except a beautiful store of good will toward all our members and readers. And these are the benefactors in the H. H. C., not the editor.

Fancy workers in general, whether club women or not, are requested to lend a helping hand to the H. H. C. Patterns that have served their turn in the hands of the present owners will be gladly accepted by the girls. It is refreshing to hear of the formation of such clubs and circles. Let us encourage the growth in the right direction. Some day if I can find time I shall write an essay upon "Fancy Work as a Safety Valve and as a Missionary." Let us collect patterns for these sensible young people.

About Rompers Rompers are doubly serviceable and a paying investment from a financial standpoint. They are made in such a way that a little boy or girl could wear the same style, presenting hand-me-down possibilities. Truly, the coming generations are feminists! Decorations on these odd little rompers of tan, delft blue and

pink may be queer ducks, nursery rhyme animals and conventional figures worked in colored thread. Hats to match are made of fabrics, embroidered or hand-painted.

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is a good, safe sugar for you to use.

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THE housekeeper whose task it is to provide new dishes to please the different members of the family will find the Woman's page of the Public Ledger extremely helpful. Each day it contains recipes for palatable dishes written by authoritative women, which are well worth a trial. Are you reading the Public Ledger? Make it a daily visitor to your home each morning. And when anticipating serving "something different," take advantage of the excellent recipes it contains.

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